

## **A Great Day in the Kingdom – 4/28/23**

Within the Ten Commandments, there is one that seems to be particularly difficult. This particular Commandment is crucial to our witness in Christ Jesus, our Savior. People observe us regularly, simply to see if we truly believe in this particular Commandment. Failure to do so, at times can result in damage to God's Kingdom, as Jesus stated, "There is no other Commandment greater than these."

What Commandment could this one be? The answer is: "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." This Command from God, through Christ, in Mark 12:30-31, is attached in the same vein as our Command on Loving God. Sounds like this is high on God's priority list. Doesn't it?

More importantly than how we act is how we react to those who antagonize and belittle us. We have all experienced folks whose behavior is unpleasant, or even rude, to say the least. This is when we are called to immediate prayer and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 15:13, May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.**

So, how did we go from Loving our neighbor to Hope? If you'll consider what Hope does for all of us, in thought, word and deed. We take part in multiple ministries, that provide Hope to those who receive, while as we serve, the Holy Spirit fills us with Hope. That service should coincide with our Mission, in making Disciples of Jesus Christ. I am asking this week, that all of us consider and pray about Loving our neighbor. Yes, that person or people.

**PRAYER: Heavenly Father, I ask that You fill me with Your Grace, as I ask to be Your Servant. May I Love those as Christ Loved. May I be a beacon of Hope and Love to those who need Hope. Help me to witness, through my actions, or the restraint of my actions. Thank You, for Loving me. Thank You, Lord for giving me Hope. In the name of the Risen Christ Jesus, I Pray! AMEN!!!**